



Connecticut Department of  
**ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**

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DEEP is working to purchase the Beverly's Marina property in order to accomplish multiple objectives on this designated 947 acre Heritage Lake: to secure modest public access to the state's largest natural lake, provide an opportunity for an enhanced Environmental Conservation police presence, provide environmental education opportunities about the lake's ecology, and work closely with other stakeholders in managing the lake's resources. DEEP proposes to manage the property as follows:

**DEEP Marina Management Tenets:**

- Decrease in boat spaces at the marina below 100 to accommodate 20 boat launch parking
- Increase DEEP law enforcement presence on the lake to daily patrols May-October
- Increased collaboration on natural resource protection and habitat restoration – weed control, education, etc.
- Management that is in keeping with DEEP's goal of being a good neighbor to the Morris and Litchfield communities
- Create an Advisory Committee consisting of DEEP staff, Bantam Lake Patrol, Bantam Lake Protective Association, Deer Island Association, Morris and Litchfield First Selectmen, , White Memorial Foundation and member at large to discuss issues of mutual interest consistent with CGS Sec. 22a-339f, the designation of Bantam Lake as a heritage lake.

**The Building**

1.
  - a. Office space for DEEP EnCon police and other professional staff
  - b. Meeting room space for staff (potentially available for public/local use)
  - c. Marina operations space
2. Restrooms for marina/public use
3. Educational exhibits explaining the lake's ecology and the history of Beverly's in the building

**The Marina/Boat Launch**

4. Continue to operate marina rental slips based upon past use, current occupancy and other considerations. Remove more than 35 marina slips
5. Marina slip space made available to Morris/Litchfield law enforcement
6. Evaluate potential for installation of a handicapped accessible fishing pier
7. Configure boat launch parking for up to 20 vehicles and trailers
8. Design parking for marina users
9. Winter access via plowed lot for skating and ice fishing (if ice is safe)

10. Regular site maintenance, trash collection, mowing, winter plowing, etc.
11. Investigate options for installing surveillance to discourage illegal activities

### **The Lake**

12. Continue to partner with Morris, Litchfield and BLPA on weed control by providing grants, technical assistance, seek funds through other state and federal sources for weed control
13. Secure fund source to participate in weed management activities on lake
14. Use seasonal staff at boat launch to inspect boats for weeds; train volunteers to assist
15. Add signage at boat launch to instruct weed removal from boats
16. Continue/enhance law enforcement on the lake in cooperation with BLA
17. Maintain pike fishery
18. Work with Litchfield to complete Windsor Jambs work to manage lake level

### **The Neighborhood**

19. Install signage to direct circulation and exiting boaters onto Rt. 209 and away from Deer Island
20. Work with DOT to install signage on Rt. 209
21. Landscape the site to provide screening for parking lots from Palmer Road residents
22. Maintain boulders along Palmer Road and pervious parking lot per Deer Island request
23. Review existing outdoor lighting and ensure any changes or additions minimize impact on neighbors
24. Coordinate enforcement to prevent parking on Palmer Road
25. Engage in anticipated Fuss and O'Neil study of Palmer Road flooding

### **What will NOT be done at Beverly's**

1. No restaurant
2. No sale or consumption of alcohol on property
3. No park development; ie, swimming or camping
4. No nighttime motor use between 11 pm and 5 am (in keeping with local ordinance)
5. No boat trailer parking by marina renters
6. No routine vessel or engine maintenance activities permitted upland at the marina